



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

SC Public Charter School District School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 9,984**
Superintendent: Wayne Brazell, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Don McLaurin

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	At-Risk	Good	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2011	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2010	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	7	3	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS					
PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	74.2%	62.4%	63.2%	63.4%	68.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.7%	75.7%	73.3%	75.6%	75.0%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	43.0%	22.6%	15.7%	23.8%	34.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	44.4%	36.9%	25.1%	34.5%	37.9%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

HSAP			
HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	62.6%	25.4%	12.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.8%	11.4%	7.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)	
District	78.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.2%

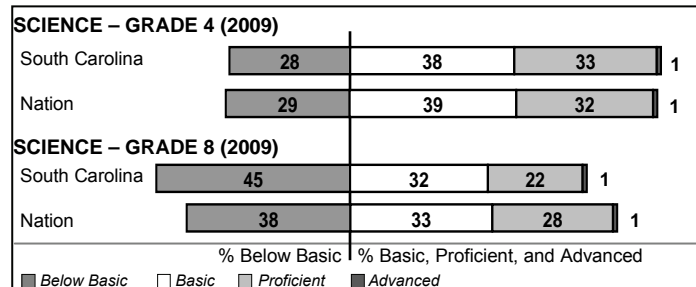
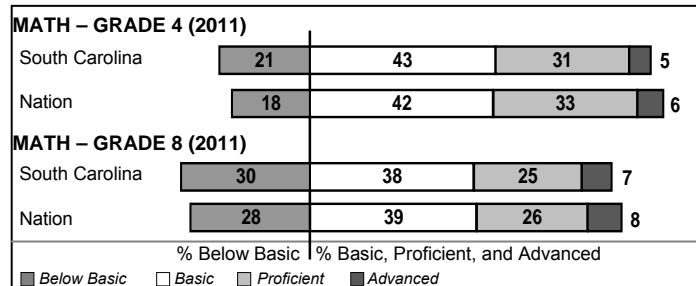
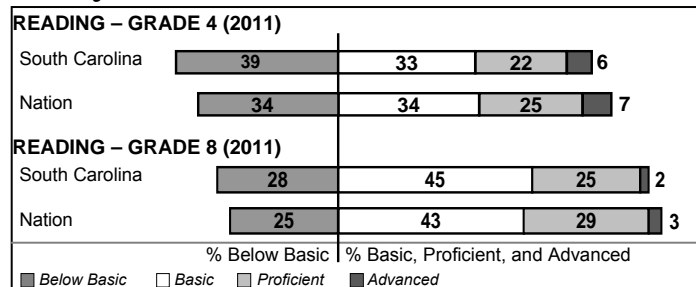
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	65.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.8%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	19.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=9,984)				
Retention rate	4.5%	Down from 5.4%	1.6%	2.0%
Attendance rate	N/A	N/A	96.1%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.6%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	4.7%	Up from 4.4%	17.4%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	49.1%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	19.0%	Down from 20.7%	35.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	61	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	41	31
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 5.3%	2.8%	2.7%
Teachers (n=370)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.9%	Up from 50.9%	62.9%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	78.2%	N/A	92.4%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	97.5%	Down from 98.1%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$36,635	Up 2.7%	\$47,850	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.4%	Down from 3.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.8%	Down from 24.7%	1.8%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Up from 9.9 days	11.4 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/R	22.7 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	90.3%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,062	Up 2232.7%	\$8,287	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.7%	N/A	55.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.7%	N/A	58.4%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	Up from 11	14	9
Portable classrooms	23.6%	Up from 3.9%	1.9%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	1.0	Down from 3.0	14.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.3%	Down from 96.0%	100.0%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$67,784	Down 4.2%	\$79,028	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	N/A	N/A	0	0
ESEA composite index score	69.7	N/A	89.9	85.6

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The 2011-2012 school year was the fourth year of operation for the district and another growth period. The district went from almost 9,000 students in eleven schools to nearly 10,000 students in thirteen schools. The district also prepared for the opening of four more schools in August 2012: Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School in McClellanville, Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts and Sciences Charter School in Hardeeville, Youth Leadership Academy in Pickens, and Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy. In addition, the district staff prepared to receive Fox Creek High School through a transfer that will be effective July 1, 2012. With the increase in schools and students for the 2011-2012 school year, the district office hired one additional staff member, raising the total number of district office personnel to twelve, for a ratio of over 830 students per district office employee.

True to the nature of public charter schools, the 2011-2012 academic year saw an emphasis on accountability. The operation of each school in the district was closely measured against the school's official charter agreement. This scrutiny included an analysis of student performance results on the 2010-2011 state standardized tests and other high-stakes considerations. As a result of that scrutiny, the charters for four schools in the district were placed on probationary status for 2011-2012. The charter for one of those schools was subsequently revoked.

In contrast, Palmetto Scholars Academy in Charleston, York Preparatory Academy in Rock Hill, and Spartanburg Charter School all achieved impressive student success rates on 2010-2011 state standardized testing. Other schools in the district are working to improve student outcomes. Of particular concern are the needs of at-risk students, who have chosen to access the virtual learning schools in large numbers.

Preparations for the changeover to common core standards, targeted responses to high school graduation rates, and further improvements to the management of student data rounded out some of the major initiatives of the schools of the district for 2011-12.

Funding for the schools in the district increased over 2010-2011, though the funding level remains roughly half of the national average and well below the state average. The lack of any funding for student transportation and the lack of funding or support for any school facilities both continue to be major challenges for the current and future schools in the district. Despite these issues, interest in developing new public charter schools remains high. As many as 11 new public charter schools could open through the district in 2013.

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 11/07/12-4701999